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Mr. Scott Hayes,
Superfund Division
U.S. EPA, Region VII
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

Re: Former Lyons Diecasting, 2300 Holly Road, Buckner, Missouri 64016
EPA ID MON000705886

Dear Mr. Hayes:

On May 11, 2010, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (Department) Hazardous Waste Program's (HWP) Site Assessment Unit (SAU) completed an Integrated Preliminary Assessment/ Removal Site Evaluation (PA/RSE) report for the above referenced site.

The Former Lyons Diecasting site consists of four buildings, one concrete lined lagoon, one soil lined lagoon, two small ponds, a field, an industrial water well and two industrial sized propane tanks. The entrance to the property, a gravel drive, is gated and kept locked. Fences also exist around the lagoons and the valves of the industrial propane tanks. Access to the remainder of the site, however, is not restricted. There have been reports in the past of trespassing and vandalism. The northern and eastern portions of the property are bordered by Fire Prairie Creek. The western side of the property is lined with trees and dense vegetation. The southern portion of the property is bordered by the Union Pacific Railroad line and N Holly Rd.

Lyons Diecasting manufactured aluminum and zinc castings from 1953 to approximately 2004. In 2004, Lyons Diecasting entered foreclosure and all manufacturing was stopped. In 2007, the property was put up for auction. The property was purchased by Mr. Robert Holmberg with hopes to open a recycling sorting facility on the site. Mr. Holmberg has been very cooperative with the Department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He would like to clean the site as soon as possible so that he can proceed with his recycle sorting business.

The Department's PA/RSE evaluation was performed to delineate the extent of contamination and determine whether any contaminants had migrated from the site into groundwater or surface water. The Department recommended a time-critical removal action to address ignitable hazardous waste contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) in the warehouse waste pit. The Department also recommended additional soil and groundwater sampling to determine the

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extent of possible material leakage from the waste pit. In addition, the Department recommended a non-time-critical removal action to address surficial soil contaminated with PCBs at various locations around the warehouse. The Department also recommended additional characterization to evaluate the surface water and groundwater pathways.

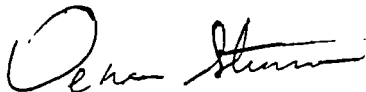
The Department, EPA and the Holmbergs met at the EPA Region VII headquarters in Kansas City, Kansas on February 23, 2010, to discuss the current status of the site and what the options are to move forward. It was decided that the EPA would perform a removal action in the main warehouse and would perform further sampling in the adjacent field. This meeting was followed by a technical phone conference between the Department and the EPA on March 1, 2011.

The Department is officially referring Former Lyons Diecasting of Buckner, Missouri to the EPA for removal action of hazardous waste and environmental media contaminated with hazardous waste.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (573) 751-1388 or Paul Embree, the SAU project manager for the site, at (573) 522-1794 - toll free at 1-800-361-4827, or by e-mail at paul.embree@dnr.mo.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dennis Stinson, Chief
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c: Ms. Jamie Bernard-Drakey, EPA